been sanctioned in Gujarat. However, the HUDCO has sanctioned 11 basic sanitation schemes for 9 towns in Gujarat at a total project cost of Rs. 1030.95 lakhs involving financial assistance from the HUDCO of Rs. 877.01 lakhs.

Implementation of projects undertaken by NCRPB

1704. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of projects undertaken by National Capital Region Planning Board (NCR); and

(b) the gestation period of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The NCR Planning Board arrange and oversee, the financing of selected development projects in the NCR through Central and State Plan Funds and other sources of revenue. So far 123 projects have been financed in NCR and the present status of implementation of projects undertaken by NCRPB Statewise is as follows:

State	Completed projects	Ongoing projects
Haryana	14	17
Rajasthan	29	16
Uttar Pradesh	13	30
Counter Magnet Area	—	4
TOTAL	56	67

(b) These projects are implemented by participating states of NCR and their agencies in the respective States. Gestation period of the projects depend on the scope and type of the project.

Proposal to get Black Money into Housing Sector

1705. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to get black money into housing sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal formulated under consideration and justification therefor;

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to seek clearance from the Supreme Court in this regard;

(d) whether Government are actively considering scrapping the Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULCA); and

(e) the details of other measures/package of incentives proposed to kickstart construction activities in the country and action plan for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) No such proposal or scheme is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Repeal Bill, 1998 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 11.6.98. The Bill has, now, been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban & Rural Development for examination.

(e) The National Housing & Habitat Policy since approved by the Government and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1998, envisages Government's role as enabler rather than builder. Government would create an enabling environment by advising removal of legal, regulatory and financial constraints facing the housing sector. This would help all sections of the Society to gain access to land, finance and technology to obtain shelter for themselves. Government will however, continue to intervene directly for the